
PROGRAM NARRATIVE

670 ND HORSE RACING COMMISSION

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Program: HORSE RACING ADMINISTRATION

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PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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PROGRAM STATISTICAL DATA

During the 2003-2005 biennium, the Racing Commission licensed an estimated 1,000 participants in live racing including owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, drivers, vendors, and association employees. The Commission licensed an estimated 250 participants in off-track and simulcast racing, including racing associations, service providers, and site operators/employees. 641 horses were registered into the ND Breeders' Fund of which five breeds were represented.

The Racing Commission collected \$1,106,591 in deposits in three special funds and administered awards from these funds. \$538,626 was paid out for in-state races for the Breeders' Fund awards.

Number	Type of Receipt	Amount
25	Racing Commission - Pari-mutuel tax	\$ 750,379
1658	Racing Commission - License and Registration Fees	32,875
89	Racing Commission - Promotion Fund	542,603
27	Racing Commission - Purse Fund	281,994
27	Racing Commission - Breeders Fund	281,994

EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM COSTS

The Racing Commission is the sole agency responsible for regulating live and simulcast wagering in North Dakota. The Commission's primary expenses are a) salaries for the two FTE's; b) contract fees for the individuals who regulate live races, c) fees to the stewards for live races; and d) the audit of simulcast information. In addition to the costs of regulation, the Racing Commission currently administers three special funds and is responsive to hundreds of horsemen as well as monitoring 3,152 horses in its North Dakota Bred Registrar.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Racing Commission's primary objective is to regulate the live and simulcast racing industry in North Dakota. In addition to this duty, the Racing Commission is statutorily mandated to promote horse racing. Included in this mandate was the construction of a major racing facility. In the summer of 2003 the North Dakota Racing Commission fulfilled that role by assisting in the opening of the North Dakota Horse Park. This new facility will gain national exposure for North Dakota as well as promotion for the breeders and owners of North Dakota-bred horses, thus contributing to the overall health of the horse industry in North Dakota.

REQUEST DETAIL BY PROGRAM

670 ND HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Biennium: 2007-2009

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Description	Expenditures 2003-2005 Biennium	Present Budget 2005-2007	Budget Request Change	Requested Budget 2007-2009 Biennium	Optional Request 2007-2009
SPECIAL LINES					
RACING COMMISSION	301,049	367,145	22,192	389,337	71,368
TOTAL	301,049	367,145	22,192	389,337	71,368
SPECIAL LINES					
GENERAL FUND	173,073	117,479	0	117,479	35,684
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL FUNDS	127,976	249,666	22,192	271,858	35,684
TOTAL	301,049	367,145	22,192	389,337	71,368
PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES					
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0
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PROGRAM FUNDING TOTAL	301,049	367,145	22,192	389,337	71,368
FTE EMPLOYEES	2.00	2.00	.00	2.00	1.00
FUNDING DETAIL					
GENERAL FUND	173,073	117,479	0	117,479	35,684
SPECIAL FUNDS					
278 Racing Breeders Fund 278	42,494	73,222	7,175	80,397	0
290 Racing Purse Fund 290	42,493	73,222	7,169	80,391	0
334 Horse Racing Operating Funds 334	0	30,000	0	30,000	35,684
339 Horse Promotion Fund 339	42,989	73,222	7,848	81,070	0
TOTAL	127,976	249,666	22,192	271,858	35,684

CHANGE PACKAGE DETAIL**670 ND HORSE RACING COMMISSION****Biennium: 2007-2009****Bill#: HB 1024****Date: 12/13/2006****Time: 12:13:40**

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Description	FTE	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total Funds

AGENCY BUDGET CHANGES

Cost To Continue	.00	0	0	22,192	22,192
Agency Total	.00	0	0	22,192	22,192

OPTIONAL REQUEST

2 New Administrative Asst. Position	1.00	35,684	0	35,684	71,368
Optional Total	1.00	35,684	0	35,684	71,368